To the Electors of the South Riding of Norfolk:

GENTLEMEN,—

On the 29th of January last, I was elected by a majority of your suffrages to represent you in the Parliament of the Dominion. In common with many others, my election has been voided, because of illegal acts on the part of Agents, for whom the law holds me responsible; but my opponents, having no reason to believe that I had authorized or was cognizant of such acts, made no attempt to press any personal charges against me, and the Judge honorably exonerated me from all blame.

Believing that a most rigid scrutiny would have still left me a majority over my opponent, Mr. Lawson, and that I was therefore the free choice of the people on that occasion, I can appeal to you now with the utmost confidence for re-election.

In the few months that have passed since last election, the political situation has not materially changed. The great issue on which you are called upon to vote is still the same. But you have this advantage now in judging between the parties claiming your suffrages which you had not before. You have had some experience of the present Government and their manner of conducting public affairs, and you can more readily compare them with their predecessors. I feel sure that your verdict will be the same as that of every other Constituency that has, as yet, had the opportunity of pronouncing judgment, namely: That the Government of Mr. McKenzie deserves the support and confidence of the people of Canada.

The Reformers of South Norfolk having again done me the honor of nominating me to be their candidate, I respectfully ask for the support of every friend of good Government.

My principles are the same, and I renew every pledge I gave you in January.

I am strongly in favor of a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States which will put us on an equal footing with them, and shall therefore, if honored with your suffrages, give the present draft of Treaty or any other measure that will secure for us commercial relations with the States, my most earnest consideration when it comes before the House.

I regret that a prolonged absence from the Country this summer prevented me from visiting and increasing my too limited acquaintance with you, as I would have wished to do, but I hope between now and polling day to meet with most of you, and to confer with you personally on the various public questions of the day.

I am

Your ob't servant,

JOHN STUART.

Hamilton, November 25th, 1874.